



# Nuckolls County Board Minutes



## OCTOBER 21, 2013 PROCEEDINGS OF THE NUCKOLLS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

The Nuckolls County Board of Commissioners met Monday, October 21, 2013 in the Board Meeting Room at the Courthouse, Nelson, Nebraska, per recess of October 7, 2013. Combs, Brown and Corman present for the meeting. The agenda of said meeting was remitted to board members in advance of the meeting and is posted in the County Clerk's office and on the County Website. Combs announced the 'Open Meetings Act Law' as posted in the Commissioners Board Meeting Room and handouts are available.

The board reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Combs approved the Agenda as submitted and the October 7, 2013 minutes as submitted. Chuck Mittan, News reporter for the Superior Express is present for the meeting.

Gary Warren, Highway Superintendent and Cindy Buescher, Road Department Executive Secretary met with the Board to update them on the current activities of the County Road Department.

Two Requests for 'Easement for Electrical Line' were submitted to the Board for approval. One Easement was requested to be cancelled. **A motion was made by Brown to table the request for Electrical Easement by Robert Drudik for permission to run an electrical line under a county road and in the county road ditch located between Section 4 & 3, T3N-R7W (Nelson Precinct) and Combs seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Brown to approve the Easement for Electrical Line as submitted by Corey Galloway for permission to run an electrical line under a county road and in the county road ditch located between Section 7 & 18, T4N-R5W (Hammond Precinct) and Corman seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Warren noted that Derrick Clark, City of Superior Planning & Zoning Administrator informed him that the 8<sup>th</sup> Street Project in Superior has a letter of Confirmation to 'Proceed' with the project. The Bid letting is set for November 14, 2013.

Warren noted all the motorgrader operators are out blading the county roads and hauling gravel this week. They will also be working the dirt roads one more time before winter this week. They are also filling gravel requests.

Warren updated the Board on progress for Project C-65 (679), Bostwick NW, located in Section 14, T1N-8W (Bostwick Precinct). Warren noted they will be laying tubes on Wednesday.

Warren submitted preliminary specifications for a Steel-Wood Building for the Ruskin Shop Building. Discussion held on color and other specs. Warren gave the Board some figures for helping the Nuckolls County Fair Board with replacing the fill sand in the horse arena. The figures Warren came up with are \$4,000.00 to haul out the old fill sand and \$7,000.00 for the required dirt work. This includes the machine hours with man hours included. The equipment expected to use is a skid loader, paddle wagon and a motorgrader. Warren also noted he does not have the time this fall to help with this project.

The Board reviewed the bids submitted for Project C-65 (642) which had a bid letting on October 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the Courthouse in Nelson. There were two bids submitted. The first bid submitted was from Gus Construction Co. Inc. of Casey, Iowa and Van Kirk Bros. Contracting of Sutton, Nebraska. The Board determined to only accept the bids for the Box Culvert and have the County Road Department do all the dirt work. Gus Construction's bid for the Box Culvert Construction was \$251,739.30 and Van Kirk Bros. Contracting was \$137,952.50. The original start and completion dates for Gus Construction were to start March



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15, 2014 and end on April 28, 2014. The original start and completion dates for Van Kirk Bros. Contracting was to begin June 1, 2014 and end on July 31, 2014. The Board tabled this decision from the October 7, 2013 bid letting to discuss an earlier starting date with the contractors. Warren reported that Van Kirk Bros would change their start and end dates to January 15, 2014 to June 15, 2014. **A motion was made by Brown to accept the bid from Van Kirk Bros. Contracting of Sutton, Nebraska for the construction of a box culvert on Project C-65 (642) in the amount of \$137,952.50 and Combs seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Corman to accept the August 2013 Sheriff's Board Report as submitted and Brown seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Royce Gonzales, Clerk of the District Court met with the Board during the Elected Officials and Department Heads time to request a date to visit with the Board regarding the Elected Officials Salary talks for the years of 2015 to 2018. Discussion held and Clerk Kassebaum recommended they set the date for November 18, 2013 and finalize on November 25, 2013. Kassebaum noted the Elected Officials need to meet first to determine an amount to propose to the Board.

Clerk Kassebaum discussed some miscellaneous issues with the Board. It was noted that the recent repairs to the clock tower was paid by Wayne Garrison on behalf of Ellis Garrison, however Wayne noted he would no longer be able to take care of these repairs. County Attorney, Timothy Schmidt received a letter from the Nebraska Supreme Court and Nebraska Court of Appeals noting that Case A-13-000617, Prayer Center v. Nuckolls County Board of Equalization, has been dismissed for failure to file briefs by Prayer Center. No final Court Order has been received at this time. Kassebaum updated the Board on some correspondence with Versatile Roofing regarding the repairs to the gutter work on the Courthouse roof and also with Rasmussen Mechanical on the on-line heating and cooling system at the Courthouse. Kassebaum also reported that Nuckolls County will receive \$2,148.00 in PILT payments in 2013 from benefits in belonging to the National Association of Counties. The renewal of this membership fee is \$450.00 for the calendar year 2014.

Carissa Uhrmacher, Representative for the South Central Partnership Regional Consortium, Juvenile Services County Aid Funding Uhrmacher gave the Board an update on the current status of the Juvenile Services County Aid Funding for 2013-2014. Uhrmacher noted that in the past they had around \$50,000.00 to \$60,000.00 to work with and now they have \$200,000.00 available for 2014-2015. With the passage of the Juvenile Justice Bill the Counties of Adams, Clay, Franklin, Fillmore, Harlan, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps and Webster will receive an additional \$60,584.00 in funds. Uhrmacher noted the programs in Nuckolls County they work with are STARS, Lifeskills and ASAAP. Other programs in the other Counties are CASA, Probation and Diversion. Nuckolls County is in a different district for their Probation and there fore they do not work with this district. Uhrmacher has asked the Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Juvenile Services County Aid Funding which allows each of the Counties (above mentioned) to participate in the Consortium to receive grant funds from the Nebraska Crime Commission. **A motion was made by Brown to authorize Chairman Combs to sign the MOU and Corman seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Stefanie Crieckwill, ASAAP Representative also met with the Board at this time to introduce herself as the new representative of ASAAP. Stefanie noted they work usually with youth in grades 7-12 in the local schools. The biggest problems found in schools are bullying. Some other issues are healthy dating issues and texting while driving. ASAAP is receiving some of the funds from the Grant with the South Central Partnership Regional Consortium.



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Carrie Miller, Secretary for the Nuckolls County Safety Committee met briefly with the Board to give them the Safety Committee Report. An Official copy of the August 15, 2013 Safety Committee Minutes and an Unofficial Copy of the September 19, 2013 Safety Committee Minutes was submitted. Miller noted some issues discussed were the new fire extinguishers recently purchased and working on the installation of the brackets. Also noted is the need for an inspection of the D.O.T. Logs for the County Employees who drive a vehicle for the County. **A motion was mad by Corman to accept the Safety Committee Report as submitted and Combs seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

The Board reviewed the City of Nelson Law Enforcement Contract for January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 in the amount of \$18,270.00. The Board called in Sheriff Marr to request his opinion for the contract. Marr did not have any issues with it. **A motion was made by Brown to approve the City of Nelson Law Enforcement Contract as submitted and Corman seconded the motion. Combs voted aye, Brown voted aye, Corman voted aye, 0 voted nay. Motion carried.**

Clerk Kassebaum discussed setting a date to hold a bid letting for obtaining an Architect Firm for the repairs to the Courthouse. The Board discussed possible firms and to send a letter to these firms requesting their presence at the Courthouse to get an idea of the repairs needed and to be able to draw up a bid. They would like to hold the bid letting the end of November to beginning of December.

No meeting scheduled for October 28, 2013.

The following salary claims were approved:

General Fund Salaries:	\$58,710.92
Road Fund Salaries:	\$41,544.06
Civil Defense Fund Salary:	\$ 2,330.00
Emergency 911 Fund Salary:	\$ 400.00

Chairman Combs recessed at 10:55 a.m. to visit the County Jail per State Statute 47-109. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 2013.

Michael D. Combs, Chairman  
By: Jackie L. Kassebaum, County Clerk